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VA, GSA Sign Agreement for Veterans' Businesses

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed by VA and GSA in response to Executive Order 13360. The full text of the press release can be viewed at:
<http://www1.va.gov/opa/pressrel/PressArtInternet.cfm?id=1039>.

Among the features, the agreement commits VA and GSA to co-sponsor eight regional conferences for veteran businesses in the coming year, with participation by the Small Business Administration and other federal agencies. The first is being held this week in Kansas City, MO. Additional conferences will tentatively be held in San Francisco, CA; Atlanta, GA; Tampa, FL; Seattle, WA; New York City, NY; Detroit, MI; and Dayton, OH. Stay tuned to VetBiz News for dates and further information.

VA's efforts on behalf of veteran-owned businesses are overseen by the Department's Center for Veterans Enterprise (CVE). Further information about VA's programs for veteran-owned businesses is available on CVE's Internet Web site at <http://www.vetbiz.gov>. GSA's activities on behalf of service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses are located at www.gsa.gov.

We would also like to congratulate the VISN Small Business Specialists for their work in this arena. VA and GSA are planning training for regional teams that will be determined. The VISN Small Business Specialists are:

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